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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, at the top of the page, above "TECHNICAL FIELD" and  
below the title, insert:

--This application is a national phase application of  
International Application No. PCT/JP99/05448 (not published in  
English) filed October 4, 1999.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following new claims:

7. (New) An antibacterial agent according to claim 2,  
wherein said sulfated polysaccharide or said oligosaccharide  
prepared by partial decomposition of said sulfated polysaccharide

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